

Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



The Names of God.

This side of Heaven, it is impossible for our finite human minds to fully comprehend God's infinite, holy, awe-inspiring nature. We can only know what God chooses to reveal about Himself. In Scripture He reveals Himself to us through His attributes and through His names. We considered God's attributes earlier this year, now we consider the names of God.

The LORD Will Provide (Yahweh Yireh)

“And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’” (Gen. 22:13-14).

The dramatic account in Genesis recounting how the LORD provided a sacrifice in the place of Isaac forever stands in our memories as a testimony of God's faithful and timely provision. Though this name of God, Yahweh Yireh, is only used one time in Scripture, the significance behind the name floods the pages of Scripture. The LORD has been a Provider since the beginning of the world. He provided our first parents with a paradisaal place to live, abounding in fresh food, beautiful sights, and fellowship with God. When they fell into sin, He even supplied a gracious redemption for them, symbolized by garments of skin He had clothed them with (Gen. 3:21).

In our own lives, we see this *same exact* LORD providing for our physical and spiritual sustenance without fail. He gives to us our daily bread, those essential things we need for physical life (Matt. 6:11; cf. Prov. 30:8-9). If we're honest, He quite often provides much more for us than we can ever recall praying for. Not only that, but He provides for us the Bread of Life, who gives and sustains our spiritual life. “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’” As we go through this week, let's remember to walk in thanksgiving to our LORD, the One who abundantly provides for us today just as He provided for the people of God before us.

Reflections from Scripture on the LORD Will Provide (Yahweh Yireh)

Genesis 9:3

Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

Psalms 34:10

The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Psalms 37:25

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

Psalm 81:10

*I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.*

Psalm 84:11

*For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Romans 8:32

*He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Song

Psalm 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

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Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A joyful song of love.

God makes the clouds drop fatness,
The deserts bloom and spring;
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
He fills from His great fullness
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness,
With plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar
The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him
When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him
Who gave His life for all.

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Prayer

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

A prayer from Martin Luther

Lord God, heavenly Father, from whom we so superabundantly receive all manner of good without ceasing and by whom we are daily so graciously protected from all evil, let us through your Spirit wholeheartedly recognize all this in true faith that we may thank and praise your gentle goodness and mercy both here and hereafter in eternity, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.